

In the Abstract:

Please **replace** the heading at **page 20, line 1**, with a replacement heading amended as follows:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please **delete** the paragraph at **page 20, lines 2 to 14**.

Please **add** a new paragraph as follows at **page 20, following line 14**:

A fluid dynamically effective surface of a device moving in a fluid, especially a lifting surface of a flying machine, has an elastic axis extending in the span direction of the surface, and an adjustable control surface. The lifting surface is elastically deformable in a bending direction and/or in a torsion direction about the elastic axis, due to and dependent on the adjustment of the control surface, while changing the induced fluid dynamic drag. A control and/or regulating arrangement is provided for adjusting the control surface in the sense of minimizing the induced fluid dynamic drag of the lifting surface.

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